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SUBJECT: SAUDI VIEWS ON THE QUOTE NEW RELATIONSHIP
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1. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO RECEIVE FURTHER ELABORATION
OF YOUR VIEW THAT THE SAUDIS APPEAR TO BE DRAGGING THEIR
FEET ON THE QUOTE NEW RELATIONSHIP UNQUOTE WITH THE US
(REFTEL). IN THIS CONNECTION, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT
SAQQAF TOLD US DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT THAT THE
NEW RELATIONSHIP WAS MOVING TOO SLOWLY. THERE WAS NOT
ENOUGH PROGRESS. HE CITED THE AGGRESSIVENESS OF THE
FRENCH AND JAPANESE BY WAY OF CONTRAST.

2. IN LIGHT OF THESE SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTORY VIEWS,
WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ANALYSIS OF SAUDI ATTITUDES
AND BEHAVIOR UNDER THE JOINT COMMISSION FRAMEWORK AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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3. IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE, WE ARE PUZZLED BY
YAMANI'S COMMENT ON PARSKY TRAVEL. PURPOSE OF HIS TRAVEL
WAS TO INSURE VIGOROUS HIGH-LEVEL BACKING AND SUPERVISION

OF US INPUT IN FIRST TWO MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUPS.
SECRETARY SIMON AND DEPARTMENT BELIEVE IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE
THAT PARSKY ACCOMPANY WORKING GROUPS. IF YAMANI'S COMMENT
RELATES TO SOMETHING OTHER THAN THE WORKING GROUPS,
PARSKY WOULD BE ENTIRELY AMENABLE TO LIMITING HIS
CONTACTS AND DISCUSSIONS TO THE WORKING GROUPS, AND HE
WOULD RELY ON YOUR JUDGMENT ON THIS MATTER. PLEASE LET
US HAVE PROMPTLY YOUR OWN VIEW THIS SUBJECT. INGERSOLL

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